

Guatemalan rebels, hostages take off

GUATEMALA CITY (R) — Thirteen leftists who occupied the Brazilian embassy here to protest against alleged repression by the Guatemalan government left Friday with four hostages for political asylum in neighbouring Mexico, officials said. The militants, members of a peasant organisation, left in a government-provided air force plane with a Guatemalan official and four of their original hostages, who had been held for more than 36 hours. The hostages were two Brazilian diplomats and two Guatemalan employees of the embassy. An official communiqué said the other hostages, including the Brazilian ambassador, were released.

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NCC to review flood damages

AMMAN (Petra) — Damages to property caused by Wednesday's flash floods in Amman will be reviewed by the National Consultative Council's (NCC's) Services and Public Utilities Committee on Tuesday. The council's legal committee, however, is due to hold a session Saturday for a reading of the new draft for the Jordanian Press Association.

Swedes due

AMMAN (Petra) — A team of officials in charge of land transport in Sweden is due here Saturday for talks with officials at the Ministry of Public Works. They are expected to explore the exchange of expertise on land transport organisation and administration between Jordan and Sweden.

Assad confers with Qadhafi in Libya

BEIRUT (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad arrived in Libya Friday for talks apparently designed to counter moves to improve Arab relations with Egypt. The official Libyan news agency reported Mr. Assad's arrival and said he had met Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi but it did not give details of their talks. In Damascus, Syrian officials said Mr. Assad would also visit Algeria and the aim of his tour was to coordinate Arab opposition to Arab moves towards restoring normal relations with Egypt. All but three Arab states decided to impose a political and economic boycott on Egypt after it signed a treaty with Israel in 1979. But since Israel handed back to Egypt the last section of the occupied Sinai Peninsula in April, some Arab governments have been seeking ways of improving relations with Cairo. The Syrian officials said Mr. Assad would discuss with Col. Qadhafi and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid convening a meeting of the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front which groups Syria, Libya, South Yemen, Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

World clerics urge Soviets, U.S. to limit nuclear arms

MOSCOW (R) — A gathering of religious figures from more than 80 countries has called on Moscow and Washington to take urgent steps towards nuclear disarmament and warned them time was running out. An appeal issued at the end of the Soviet-sponsored meeting also welcomed efforts by both powers to get talks under way soon, but only after Western clergymen fought a battle to erase what they saw as pro-Soviet wording in a draft document. The five-day "Conference of Religious Workers for Saving the Sacred Gift of Life from Nuclear Catastrophe" was attended by more than 400 clergymen from eight different faiths, including American Evangelist Billy Graham.

Homing pigeon blackmailer found guilty

HONG KONG (R) — A man alleged to have staged a blackmail plot involving bombs exploded at oil company installations and the delivery of ransom by homing pigeons was found guilty Friday. Chong Shing-Keung bombed an office of the Shell Oil Company and threatened further attacks unless he received a \$75,000 ransom in bags wrapped to the backs of the birds. A bomb was later exploded at an oil depot. Police tried to catch Chong by following his pigeons to their roost with a helicopter but downed from the aircraft scattered the birds. Chong, 30, was finally caught after police started to watch every public telephone booth in Hong Kong's main commercial districts. Chong, a jade worker, was convicted on seven charges. He will be sentenced on Monday. The court heard that he took Shell he had planted 136 kilograms of high explosive at its depots in Hong Kong. Chong denied responsibility for the bombings. He said he had read about them in the newspapers and tried to take advantage of them to blackmail the company.

Jordan protests move by Costa Rican government

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has expressed its deep anxiety on reports that the government of Costa Rica has decided to transfer its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to occupied Jerusalem in violation of all international laws and conventions. "In view of the grave implications of this decision which recognises Israel's decision to annex Jerusalem and to name it as its capital," the Jordanian government has called on the Arab League secretary-general to contact Arab states so as to carry out the resolutions adopted by Arab conferences on this issue, and to protest to the government of Costa Rica against its decision to move its embassy to Jerusalem and remind it of the grave consequences of such a move which may affect its relations with the Arab states. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will also request the general secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Conference to urge the Islamic states to implement the resolutions adopted by Islamic conferences and the Jerusalem Committee against the states that recognise Israel's annexation of Jerusalem or transfer their embassies to the Holy City.

U.N. talks on Falklands reach most critical stage

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Diplomatic moves to settle the Falklands conflict appeared to be entering a critical stage Friday amid a new warning from Britain that it will use force if peace talks fail. U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who has been struggling for a week to find an agreement, said he hoped to have final answers from Buenos Aires and London on his proposals within 36 hours.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar said Britain and Argentina were much closer than they were a week ago, although he acknowledged that his initiative could still break down. "But of course there is the possibility of a breakthrough," he added.

In London, British government officials appeared sceptical that such a breakthrough was imminent and Defence Secretary John Nott issued a fresh warning that Britain was prepared to use force to get Argentine troops off the Falklands.

Mr. Nott, who said Thursday night that British forces around the islands were now in a position to retake them "at an early date," stated Friday that London still sought a peaceful settlement.

Government sources said the outstanding problem in the mediation talks was still sovereignty over the islands, ruled by Britain for 149 years until Argentine forces stormed ashore six weeks ago. "We remain to be convinced that Argentina is not prejudging the issue of sovereignty," one source said.

The sources said the government thought it unlikely that the talks in New York would continue for another week. The participants themselves were not contemplating anything more than a few days, they said.

The sources dismissed a press report that the government had already given the task force commander, Rear-Adm. John "Sandy" Woodward, the order to invade the islands when he chose and that only an "abort" signal from London could stop it.

British military sources disclosed more details of the Argentine air raid on the task force on Wednesday in which two Argentine warplanes were shot down and Britain says, a third was seen to crash into the sea.

They disclosed that a British frigate had a lucky escape when a bomb from an Argentine Skyhawk fighter-bomber went straight through it without exploding. The attack came when three waves of Argentine warplanes appeared from over the Falklands to strike at the task force about 30 miles off Port Stanley, the islands' capital.

The military sources said the frigate hit by the bomb suffered only minor damage which had now been largely repaired and nobody was hurt.

Defence officials refused to name the damaged ship but they said it was definitely not either the Hermes or the Invincible, the two aircraft carriers with the task force.



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor and several senior Jordanian officials see off

Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'id of Oman Friday (Petra photo)

Sultan Qaboos leaves

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'id of the Sultanate of Oman left Jordan at the end of his four-day private visit at the invitation

of His Majesty King Hussein. Sultan Qaboos was seen off by King Hussein and members of the royal family.

Moscow warns London

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union has officially told Britain that it regarded its military actions over the Falklands Islands as unlawful, TASS news agency said.

The official Soviet news agency said the Soviet view was spelled out in a statement to the British ambassador in Moscow, Sir Curtis Keeble, at the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

The statement, as quoted by TASS, also said that charges of Soviet involvement in the crisis were provocative and "absolutely unacceptable."

The statement said that the British government continued to expand a zone of combat operations in the Atlantic "arbitrarily proclaiming vast expanses of high seas closed to ships and aircraft of other countries."

It went on: "These actions clearly contradict the 1958 convention on the high sea and, consequently, are regarded by the Soviet side as unlawful."

Industrialised nations shrug off Third World

HELSINKI (R) — The major industrial countries formally served notice on the Third World Friday that the economic problems of the poorest countries are likely to get worse before they get better.

In a joint communique after two days of talks at the spring meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank here, finance ministers and central bank governors from the rich and poor countries resigned themselves to a gloomy outlook for the next several years.

Despite criticism from Third World delegates that lack of money for extra aid created grave risks for their survival, the financial leaders from 146 countries admitted that there was little they could do because of the recession. "The situation and prospects for the poorest developing countries are particularly bleak as they face stagnation, and in some cases retrogression, in the period ahead," the communique said.

President Reagan's rejection of appeals from the Third World for more international aid cast a shadow over the meeting, which conceded in its communique that "the new international environment" would require greater discipline to keep the economies of poor countries afloat.

Conference sources said that with unemployment in North America and Western Europe reaching record post-war levels, major donor countries were in no mood to boost foreign aid. World Bank President Tom Clausen, the former head of Bank of America, blamed the United States for triggering a crisis in foreign aid which he said had been compounded by shrinking surpluses for the oil-exporting countries, another important source of funds for poor countries.

Reagan anxious to renew Israeli pact

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan has said he looked forward to reinstating the U.S. security accord with Israel, a possibility officials said would be discussed when he meets Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin next month.

Asked if he planned to reactivate the strategic cooperation agreement, which he suspended last December to protest against Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights, Mr. Reagan told a televised press conference:

"We regretted having to do that and we look forward to when it will be implemented again."

State Department and Israeli embassy officials said earlier the accord signed last November would be raised by Israel's Defence Minister, Ariel Sharon, who is due in Washington next week, and by Mr. Begin, who expected to see Mr. Reagan in June.

Mr. Begin will fly to New York on June 14 to address the special United Nations session on disarmament.

Fairbanks, Ali confer in Cairo

CAIRO (R) — U.S. special envoy Richard Fairbanks met Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali Friday to find ways of revising stalled Palestinian "autonomy" talks but there was no sign of a breakthrough.

He spent an hour with Mr. Ali in an effort to overcome a dispute between Egypt and Israel on the

venue of future talks on the proposed "self-governing authority" for the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Egypt has rejected an Israeli demand to include occupied Jerusalem as a venue for the talks arguing the city is an issue in the negotiations.

Eurocouncil to go ahead with Jerusalem meeting

STRASBOURG (R) — Despite both internal and external protests, the political committee of the 21-nation Council of Europe will go to Israel on Monday to hold a controversial two-day meeting in occupied Jerusalem.

A senior council official said the visit to Jerusalem was now certain to take place although strong opposition to it persisted within the Council of Europe and in the Arab World.

Since an invitation from the Israeli Knesset (parliament) to visit Israel was accepted last September, both the Arab League and the Organisation of Islamic Conference have made formal protests to the Strasbourg-based council and urged that the meeting be cancelled.

These protests were pressed after the Israeli annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights last December, but the committee voted overwhelmingly to go ahead with the visit.

The Council of Europe groups all 10 countries of the European Economic Community (EEC) as well as other Western democracies and Turkey. The official said there was still deep concern that the Jerusalem venue might affect member states' relations with Arab countries.

Senate approves Reagan's military budget with \$5.5 billion reduction

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Senate has approved a \$178 billion 1983 military budget giving President Reagan less than he originally requested.

By 84 votes to 8, senators approved and sent to the House of Representatives a measure that is \$5.5 billion less than Mr. Reagan had wanted.

Although the president ultimately agreed to the cut as part of a compromise, the bill goes strongly against his wishes in other respects.

It eliminates \$750 million Mr. Reagan requested to base the controversial MX nuclear missiles temporarily in existing missile silos while a permanent basing scheme is devised.

Senators argued that the temporary measure would make the powerful and accurate missiles too vulnerable to destruction in a Soviet first strike.

The bill also scraps Mr. Reagan's call to build Lockheed C-5 military transport planes for rapid shipment of heavy equipment such as tanks and artillery to distant trouble spots.

Instead, the Senate opted for

the cheaper Boeing C-47 cargo jet, although administration officials said its doors are too small to accommodate the needed heavy equipment.

Setback to RDF

The decision to spend \$250 million for the Boeing cargo jets was a setback to Mr. Reagan's programme of enabling the military to move its Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) quickly into action in the Middle East.

But the bulk of the president's proposed military programmes remain intact in the bill. Two nuclear-powered aircraft carriers were approved, despite efforts to delete them on grounds that they are too vulnerable and too costly at over \$3 billion each.

Opponents of the carriers, such as Democratic Senator Gary Hart, cited the destruction of the British destroyer Sheffield by a single guided missile in action off the Falkland Islands last week.

"We will end up building a sea-going maginot line, a naval museum rather than an effective navy," said Mr. Hart.

The big nuclear carriers are the centrepiece of Mr. Reagan's plans to build an 800-ship fleet to ensure naval supremacy over the Soviet Union. Mr. Hart says he will never achieve this goal with the big carriers because they are too expensive and says more smaller ones are needed.

Chemical weapons

Senators also approved Mr. Reagan's request for \$54 million to resume production of deadly nerve gas to deter Soviet use of its own chemical weapons against Western forces.

The administration wanted to produce the so-called binary weapons, which do not become lethal until two chemicals mix after firing, without negotiating with Washington's European allies over where to deploy them.

However, the Senate has passed an amendment barring production of nerve gas intended for deployment in Europe until the administration certifies that the European nations in question have approved deployment.

Begin confirms aiding Falangists

Israel says troops concentrated on Lebanese border

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel's army chief of staff has acknowledged that troops were concentrated on the Lebanese border but said this did not mean an invasion of Lebanon was imminent.

Maj.-Gen. Rafael Eitan said in an Israeli newspaper interview he believed "our troubles with the Palestinian terrorists in Lebanon could be solved by military means but this does not mean we shall try to do it."

"We have concentrated troops on the northern border and they are on alert but this does not mean we plan to go in and clean the terrorists out of Lebanon," Gen. Eitan told the newspaper Yediot Aharanot.

Asked if there was an alternative to military confrontation with the Palestinians in Lebanon, he said:

"I doubt it. The terrorists feel the ceasefire applies only to their actions from Lebanon and meanwhile operate on our other borders and around the world, killing Israelis and Jews."

Israel maintains that the 10-month-old, United States-sponsored ceasefire prohibits all commandos actions and has accused the Palestinians of violating the agreement by infiltrating into Israel, planting mines and reinforcing their positions in Lebanon.

Begin confirms aiding Falangists

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Menachem Begin was quoted Friday as saying that Israel had supplied right-wing Falangists in Lebanon with \$100 million worth of arms for their fight against Palestinian commandos and Lebanese leftists.

An aide to Mr. Begin said the prime minister told visiting Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo that Israel had "twice saved the Lebanese Christian community from physical annihilation... in 1977 and 1980."

Mr. Begin also told Mr. Colombo that Israel would never accept the "Palestinian interpretation" of the 10-month-old ceasefire in southern Lebanon. Because Israel and the Palestinians refuse direct contacts, the terms of the ceasefire have never been agreed and the Palestinians say the truce applies only to actions in Lebanon.

"We cannot accept the Palestinian claim of immunity from attacks by us against their bases in Lebanon while they continue to carry out attacks against us from other borders and abroad," Mr. Begin was quoted as saying.

Mr. Colombo, winding up his three-day visit Friday, praised Israel for returning the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt as part of the Camp David process.

"But the Sinai evacuation was but one step and now the next must be the bringing about of a climate of reciprocal trust and confidence," he told a press conference. "Steps must be taken in this direction."

Mr. Begin told Mr. Colombo earlier that Israel rejected the European community's Venice Declaration calling for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to participate in the peace process.

An aide quoted him as saying: "Europe should be careful in giving advice on security matters which in Israeli eyes is a death threat."

Israeli police Friday defused a time bomb in a public telephone booth in Jerusalem.

A police spokesman said it appeared to have been set by Palestinian commandos as and would have caused extensive damage if it had gone off.

Turkish-Greek dispute tops Haig's Ankara talks

ANKARA (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig held cordial talks Friday with Turkish military leaders prior to leaving for Greece Saturday.

Turkey's dispute with Greece over Cyprus and the European criticism of Turkey's tough domestic policies were major topics in Mr. Haig's talks with Gen. Kenan Evren, the Turkish head of state, and other senior Turkish officials.

Mr. Haig laid a ceremonial wreath Friday morning at the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Turkish republic, before plunging into a

busy round of meetings. He had lunch with Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen and was briefed by the Turkish military staff in preparations for talks with Gen. Evren.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said the problem of Cyprus was discussed along with Turkish concern over the assassination of Turkish diplomats by Armenian guerrillas and the Iran-Iraq war.

He did not give details but said Mr. Haig was not attempting to mediate in the Cyprus problem.

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His parents have returned the walking aid borrowed from the Cerebral Palsy Centre—after three months' treatment he can walk—but something to hold onto helps occasionally.



Four pairs of hands get involved in play activity at the Cerebral Palsy Centre.

Helping the Cerebral palsied

Text and photos
by Marianne Pearson

AMMAN — The mother of a young cerebral palsied child in Salt brought him to his weekly treatment in a ward of the King Hussein Medical Centre against her will. He was not feeling well, she thought, and should stay at home and rest. "We have to go," he insisted, "because the lady will be waiting."

The lady is a volunteer trained at the hospital's Cerebral Palsy Foundation Centre to carry out play therapy, one of 20 housewives who regularly work one morning a week there. Students from the University of Jordan come also every Thursday morning to help the children overcome speech difficulties.

"The impact of the play group on children is tremendous," said a staff member at the centre. "I feel the change in their behaviour and disposition. They are eager to come. We had a boy who always cried when he entered the main gate of the hospital—he knew he would have physiotherapy and it would be hard work. Now he comes smiling and greets everyone. He has improved even in his physical disability because of that."

Helping the cerebral palsied in

Jordan overcome physical disabilities is the focus of the centre's activities. Here the incidence of cerebral palsy—which results from damage to the growing brain—is much higher than in Europe and America where it is two per 1,000 births. An important factor is probably the lack of means to resuscitate newborns, especially those born at home. The centre registered 687 cases in 1978; 152 more in 1981 and this year 88 new cases.

The difficulties in bringing a cerebral palsied child to the hospital for treatment are often insurmountable. One family from a farm near Irbid solved the problem by renting a flat near the hospital. "Fantastic people," the staff calls them.

To follow up on cases outside of Amman the Cerebral Palsy Foundation is planning to begin a mobile unit service. A physician, physiotherapist and nurse's aid will make home visits to see what assistance they can give.

In Zarka, there are about 70 cases of cerebral palsy. A treatment centre opened there recently in cooperation with the Zarka Society for the Handicapped. Treatment will be available three times a week, and a kindergarten for cerebral palsied children in Zarka is in the offing.

When work on the new wing of King Hussein Medical Centre is completed, the foundation plans to expand the facilities provided by the director of the Army's Medical Services to include an attached kindergarten—a natural outgrowth of the play groups. Throughout the world, education of the cerebral palsied—because of the myriad physical and mental problems associated with it—seems to be most successfully carried out near clinical facilities.

In addition to plans for the mobile unit and the kindergarten, the Cerebral Palsy Foundation is looking ahead towards a complete assessment centre. There a full-time child neurologist, a paediatrician and other specialists would be able to make a thorough assessment of the condition of cerebral palsy victims and to plan their treatment. Small flats would be available to family members to stay near their child while the assessment is carried on.

"The main problem is always financial," a committee member said. Funds were raised recently at a fair held at the American ambassador's residence and at the British May Day Fair. A fund-raising drive is planned for this fall. Contributions are, of course, welcome at any time. Volunteer teachers who can work with children on Mondays are needed.

The address of the Cerebral Palsy Foundation is Post Office Box 2736, Amman.



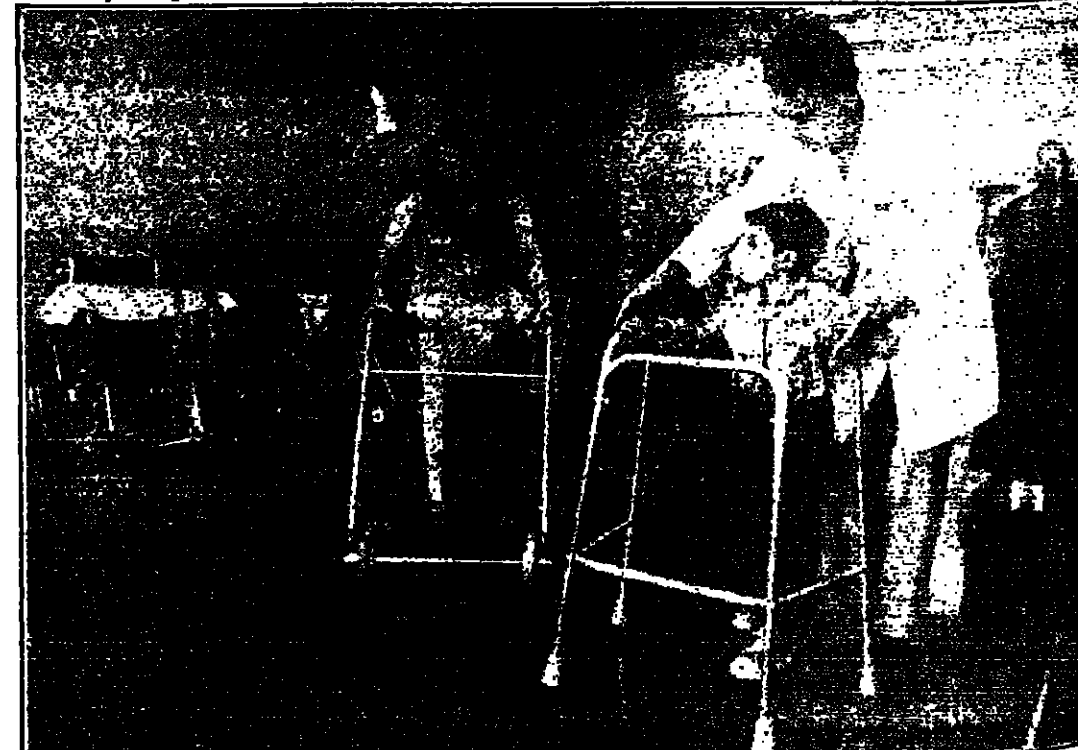
The director of the centre and the consulting physiotherapist from King Hussein Medical Centre assess the condition of a new patient.



Rapport with the teacher makes learning a pleasure.



The mirror reflects the Cerebral Palsy Centre play area and a child who likes it.



Staff members train patients in the use of walking aids which are loaned for use at home.

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Irbid to be supplied with drinking water regularly

IRBID (Petra) — Irbid Governor Abd Khalaf Dawoudiyeh Thursday presided over a meeting which discussed a number of issues relating to drinking water in Irbid.

Participants in the meeting decided to secure a regular distribution of drinking water to all Irbid quarters and to send a number of employees from Irbid Municipality to the Water Supply Department in order to boost its manpower and allow Water Supply Corporation to carry out its duty of supplying Irbid with water.

They also discussed supplying quarters situated on high grounds with water by installing powerful pumps.

The meeting was attended by Irbid mayor, the head of the Water Supply Corporation in Irbid and a number of technicians.

1980 GNP stood at JD 999.5m

AMMAN (Petra) — Statistics Department Director-General Burhan Al Shraydeh stated that Jordan's Gross National Product (GNP) for 1980 amounted to JD 999.5 million effecting an increase of about JD 231 million, 30.1 per cent, over 1979 GNP, explaining that these figures were discussed and approved at current-cost rates by a committee comprising representatives of the Central Bank of Jordan and the National Planning Council.

He added that this noticeable increase in GNP has been the result of an increase of 45 per cent in the mining and marketing of phosphates and an increase of 38.3 per cent in the field of building and construction.

This increase in GNP in 1980 reflected on expenditure where government expenditure rose by 3.6 per cent and private consumption by 14.5 per cent. The export of goods and services increased by 38 per cent while imports of goods and service have gone up by 16.6 per cent.

Mr. Shraydeh added that National Income has increased by 34.4 and disposable income by 27.5 per cent due to an increase in foreign financial transfers to public and private sectors.

Agricultural delegation to take part in German seminar

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in a seminar on the use of farm machinery which will open in West Germany Sunday. During the week-long seminar participants representing some 1200 companies in 28 nations will discuss several research papers dealing with agriculture and the effect of technology on agricultural development.

The seminar is organised in cooperation between the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation, the European Economy Community and the West German Development Agency.

Jordan's five-member delegation who will leave for West Germany Sunday includes a member of the Jordan Valley Farmers Association Board.

Jordan participates in Arab seminar on pasture development

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will participate in the third Arab seminar on the administrations of pastures in the Arab World. The seminar, organised by the Arab Centre for Arid and Barren Regions Studies of the Arab League, will begin in Tunis on May 15.

During the week-long seminar Arab specialists in pastures and pasture-development will discuss a number of theoretical and practical ways to increase animal production.

Mr. Ghaleb Abu 'Urabi, director of Forests and Pastures Department at the Ministry of Agriculture, left Amman for Tunisia on Thursday to represent Jordan at this seminar.

The Jordanian Engineers Association will also participate in the conference of the Palestinian Engineers Union which will be held in Baghdad on May 25. The conference will discuss professional matters relating to the Palestinian engineers and the situation of the occupied Arab lands under Israeli occupation. Jordan's delegation to this conference is headed by Rawhi Al Khatib, the deputy-president of the association.

2nd medical conference started

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan's Faculty of Medicine opened its second conference Thursday.

More than 100 participants from the public and private sectors will be discussing subjects connected with means of improving health care at Jordan University Hospital as well as issues pertaining to surgical operations and medical treatment in general.

Irbid to electrify 36 villages

IRBID (Petra) — Irbid District Electricity Company (IDEC) will in the coming two months embark on a project for electrifying 36 villages in Irbid Governorate, an IDEC spokesman said.

Technical teams have completed a survey of the region that would benefit from the project and decided on the transformer stations and electric networks needed.

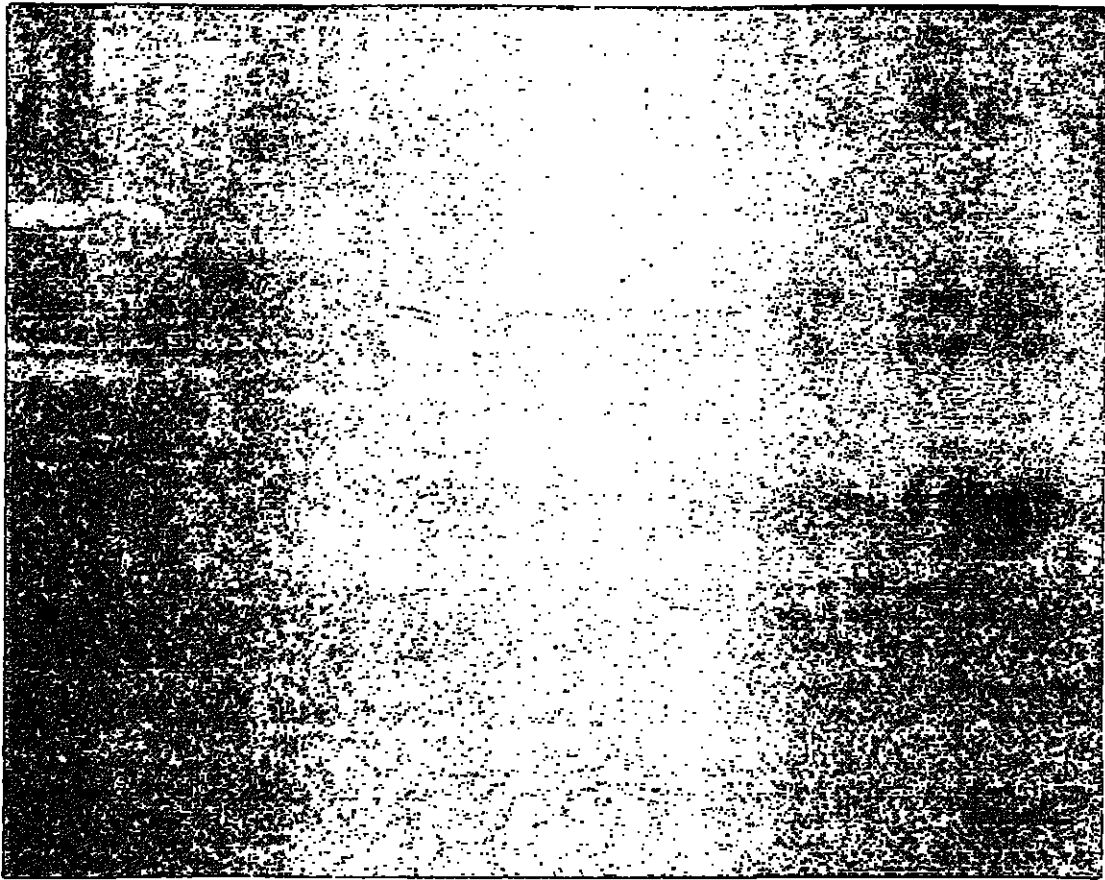
The 36 villages are located south of Irbid and the project will be partly financed by a Soviet loan, the spokesman said.

Floods wreak havoc in Irbid

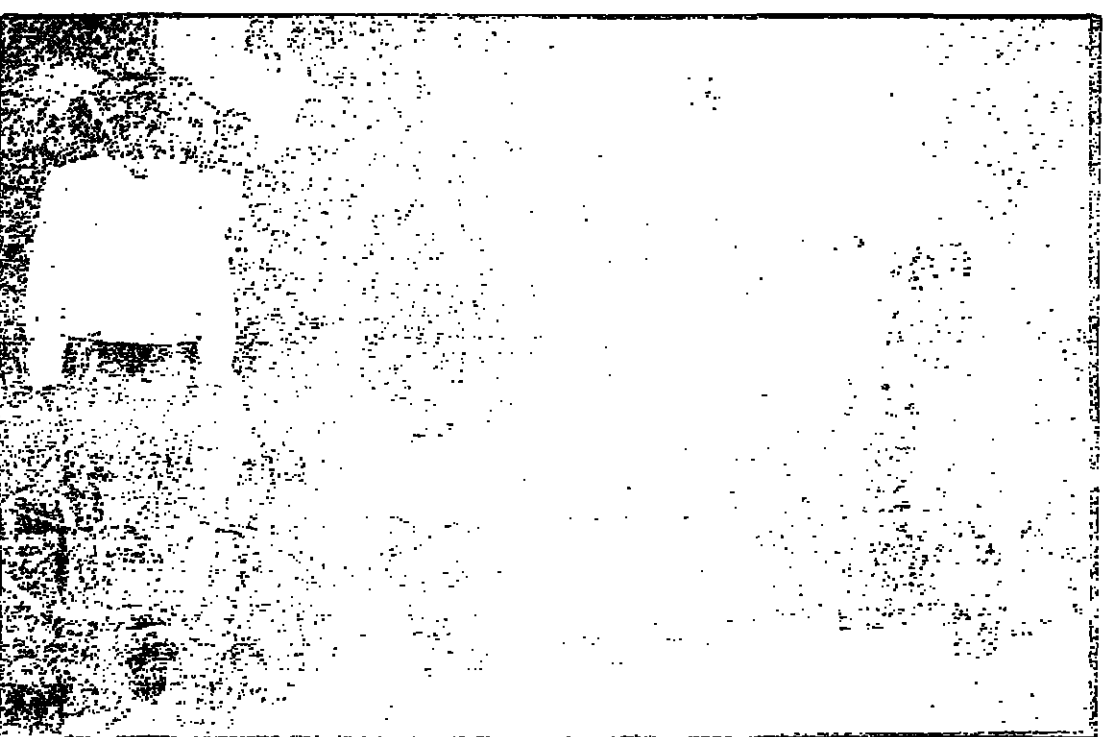
IRBID (J.T.) — At least one person died and 20 others were injured in flash floods which hit the northern city of Irbid Thursday, according to a report in Al Rai newspaper Friday. Torrents of water were reported by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, to have flooded houses, filled streets and brought Irbid traffic to a complete standstill. Civil Defence forces who had been put on alert to meet the situation were able to rescue several citizens

including children whose homes were flooded with water. The floods were also said to have caused a number of minor traffic accidents.

Roads linking Nu'aimah with Husn refugee camp, Ramtha and Huwwara were blocked by the rising level of water and the Civil Defence Directorate in cooperation with the army was exerting all efforts to reopen the blocked roads.



The streets of Irbid are flooded with water as Civil Defence teams work to control the crisis (Photo by Yousef Al 'Alfan)



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan attends the opening of the Arab Equestrian Club on Thursday (Petra photo)

Arab Equestrian Club opens Friday

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Equestrian Club was opened here Friday under the patronage of their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor.

After the formal opening by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan who stood in for their Majesties, equestrian sports were held throughout the day, in which

25 equestrian and equestrian-related events were held. The club was established in 1978 and is the first of its kind in the Arab world.

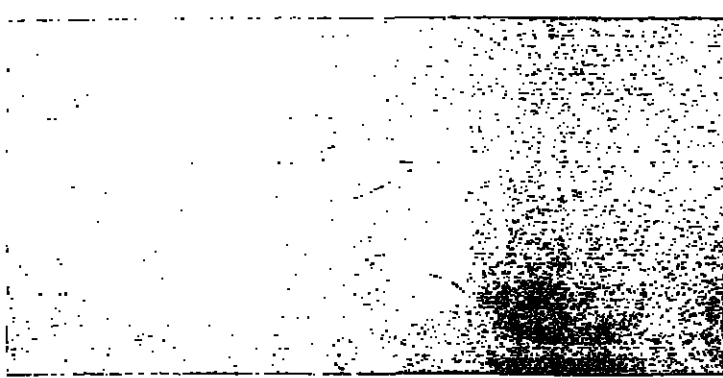
exerting efforts to create a national team and to give it proper training so that its members can represent Jordan at regional and international equestrian events. Friday's events were attended by Amman Mayor Isam Ajlouni, several members of the diplomatic corps and a crowd of equestrian sport lovers.

Pearl Bailey starts one-week visit

AMMAN (Petra) — Famous American singer Pearl Bailey arrived here Friday evening for a week-long stay in Jordan at the invitation of the Department of Culture and Arts.

Pearl Bailey will present a musical evening at Al Hussein Youth City's Palace of Culture on Monday.

Proceeds of the musical evening, to be held under the patronage of their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, will benefit the Jordanian Sports Association for the Handicapped.



World-famous singer Pearl Bailey in concert

Engineering consultancy seminar planned on 22nd

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar on engineering consultancy is due to open in Amman on May 22.

Arab engineering consultancy offices and government institutions will participate in the three-day seminar which is organised by the Jordanian Engineers Association in cooperation with the Arab Federation of Engineers.

The seminar will also feature a large number of discussion papers and studies drawn up by Arab engineers.

CVDB gives grants to Salt

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB) Thursday decided to grant Salt City JD 250,000.

Today's weather

It will be partly cloudy, with scattered showers, especially in the eastern and southern parts. Winds will be northeasterly moderate freshening at times. In Aqaba gulf, it will be hazy and partly cloudy, with scattered showers. Winds will be northerly moderate, and sea calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	13	28
Aqaba	19	32
Presets	14	30
Jordan Valley	15	36

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 27, Aqaba 31. Humidity readings: Amman 25 per cent, Aqaba 28 per cent.

Women federation opens Salt branch

AMMAN (Petra) — The National Federation of Jordanian Women (NFJW) opened a new branch in Salt region today in premises in Salt. The new branch will have six members and is expected to help other ladies to represent the NFJW in towns and villages in Salt region.



Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem (far right) receives on Thursday (from right to left) Britain's Foreign Office Deputy Under-Secretary Sir John Leahy, delegation member Mr. Oliver Miles (Petra photo)

Hassan, British envoy hold talks on Middle East peace

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Thursday discussed Middle East developments with British Foreign Office Deputy Under-Secretary Sir John Leahy.

Prince Hassan spoke about the dangers inherent in Israel's settlement policies in the occupied Arab territories and stressed the importance of achieving a just and comprehensive peace in the region.

Prince Hassan underlined the possible European role in the peace-making process.

Earlier Thursday, the delegation called on Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem to discuss the Arab Israeli conflict and the role which the European Economic Community nations can play in establishing peace in the region.

Mr. Qasem spoke about Palestinian rights to their homeland and

called for a halt of unlimited Western aid to Israel which has been encouraging the Zionist state to implement its expansionist designs in defiance of international resolutions. He also pointed out the dangers of continued Israeli occupation of Arab land.

British Ambassador to Jordan Alan Urwick attended both meetings.

Cities development bank announces new loans policy

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB) has decided on a new policy for giving loans to municipal and village councils and the interest rates to be charged on such loans.

The CVDB board meeting under its chairman, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani ruled that loans granted to municipal councils for production projects should bear an annual interest of 8.5 per cent but village councils will pay seven per cent in annual interest. Both councils will have to pay back the

loans during a period not exceeding 10 years.

Development projects, the board said, include such schemes as building stores, slaughter houses, cold stores, government department complexes, market places, industrial zones and car parks. The board decided that loans granted to municipal councils for constructing pavements and hard shoulders over a period of five years should bear an annual interest rate of 7.5 per cent; those granted to village councils, only six per cent. Municipal councils will have to pay their loans within

10 years while the village councils will have 15 years to pay back.

According to CVDB board, electricity, school buildings, libraries, cemeteries and public parks are to be considered public utilities and social infrastructure projects. The minimum loan that can be granted by the bank to municipal councils is JD 8,000 while that granted to village councils will be JD 4,000. The board also decided that loans obtained by the CVDB from local or external sources should not exceed four times its paid capital and its general reserves.

Swedish delegation's visit a success

By Mary Winter
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — What have Sweden—a cold, wet green country and Jordan—a hot, desert country in common? Apparently quite a lot, judging from the successful five-day visit by a Swedish trade delegation to Jordan.

"We have a mutual appreciation and a likeness of minds," His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said on the first day of the delegation's visit. "We have a lot to do together," said Mr. Ali Dajani, Director of the Amman Chamber of Industry in a speech he delivered at a dinner banquet given by the Swedish ambassador for the delegation and their Jordanian hosts.

What Sweden and Jordan could do together in the way of industrial, commercial and technical cooperation were envisaged in the areas of agriculture, construction, transportation, energy saving and telecommunications.

"It is with a feeling of appreciation we return to Sweden," said Ambassador Bengt Odhner who led the Swedish team.

"We are very grateful to the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Amman Chamber of Industry whose efforts made this

most rewarding visit possible. And we are especially thankful to the Crown Prince for the keen interest he showed the delegation."

As concerns the follow-up of the visit, Ambassador Odhner said that Swedish firms and authorities are most interested and already working on some projects. "Jordan is an important country because of its know-how and brain power."

"We realise the wish to expand and develop Jordan's industry and cannot but see good opportunities in this respect. We will certainly do what we can to help to increase Jordanian exports to Sweden, i.e. through receiving experts who can study export-import promotion."

The ambassador added, "Through cooperation between for example the Amman and Stockholm chambers of commerce, there should also be opportunities for scholarships for professionals to study in technical and commercial areas in Sweden, joint seminars exchange of experts, etc."

Sweden is one of the first countries to establish a special organisation with the purpose of helping developing countries to increase their exports to Sweden. "We fully realise that trade is a two-way street," Mr. Odhner told the Jordan Times.

Areas where prospects look particularly good for Jordanian-Swedish cooperation is the agro-industry, where Sweden has, among other things, expertise in rock storing (subterranean warehouses) for food especially important in a country with a hot climate like Jordan.

Energy savings within industry is another area. As for energy, Ambassador Odhner was impressed by the advanced level of solar energy utilisation in Jordan and also how effectively and economically local building materials are utilised in low- and medium-cost housing. "Many Swedish firms could contribute in these areas," he said.

"There are only a few areas," Ambassador Odhner said. "There are many others where prospects look good and after the royal reception we received here in Amman we will work hard to make joint ventures materialise." And of course, in the future, we will try to reciprocate Jordanian hospitality by seeing a trade delegation in Stockholm, Mr. Odhner concluded.

Most delegation members left Amman for home on Thursday, and were followed by Ambassador Odhner and the rest of the team members on Friday.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

* Landscapes, the work of contemporary German artists, at the Goethe Institute.

* Exhibition of Oriental Tapestry, at the Alia Art Gallery.

* Paintings by Munira Nusseibeh Touqan, at the Jordan National Gallery.

* Paintings by Basem S. Jawad, at the Holiday Inn. Opening at 6 p.m.

Piano recital

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ECONOMY

OPEC prices prevail in spot market

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (R) — OPEC's benchmark Saudi Arabian light crude traded in the free market this week at its official price of \$34 a barrel after being below it since January, traders said Friday.

It fell as low as \$27.50 in March before OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) set itself an output quota system to reduce the glut in the world oil market.

Market Analysis expect that OPEC, meeting next Thursday in Quito, Ecuador, will cite the recovery in free market prices as evidence that its output cuts are working and that pressure for a cut in long-term contract prices, aligned on the \$34 benchmark, has now eased.

Most crude oil trades under contract. But sellers unload surplus volumes on the free market and the fate of the small volume

traded there provides the oil industry with a barometer of supply, demand and pricing trends.

The free market is signalling that Britain may have to raise North Sea prices, reduced well below OPEC levels earlier this year. Spot crude from Britain's Forties field, the British price-trendsetter, was quoted this week at \$35.45, well above the official British contract price of \$31.

Spot Nigerian bonny light crude

was quoted higher at \$37.25, which is also encouraging for OPEC. Nigeria has been seen as OPEC's weak link—it has been hit hard by buyer defections while sticking to an OPEC-mandated contract price of \$35.50.

Lagos officials say Nigerian sales are now picking up while informed oil sources say Saudi Arabia is to help the African country hold the price line with a loan of \$1 billion.

Inflation in OECD continues downward trend

PARIS (R) — Inflation continued its recent downward trend in March in the 24 member states of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the OECD said Friday.

Consumer prices in the OECD group, which embraces the major non-communist industrialised countries, rose 8.5 per cent in the year to March, after rising 9.1 per cent in the year to February and

10.8 per cent in the year to March 1981.

The consumer price index rose 0.4 per cent in March, after 0.5 per cent in February. The OECD said the improvement was influenced

by a deceleration in seasonal food price increases and a slack rate of growth in energy prices. Japan had the lowest yearly inflation rate of 2.8 per cent in March, after 3.1 per cent in February.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market was mixed Friday with a slightly firmer bias, with the Falklands conflict and end-account factors making for quiet business, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 hours was up 2.4 at 587.6. Constituent Galzo closed up 24p at 691, but other leading industrials were mostly a penny or so either side of Thursday's close. Government bonds were barely changed after a subdued session. Gold shares were steady on opening slightly firmer levels and North Americans were mixed. Grand Met briefly traded at 224 after half-year results before settling at 221.4p higher on balance. Ultramar lost a further 11p to 430 after Thursday's bearish statement with the first quarter results but B.P. ended 8p higher at 320. In mixed banks, Lloyds ended 5p down at 400. Guinness Peat, which is discussing the possible sale of a majority stake in its commodity division, ended 4p lower at 80p. Trafalgar House, whose purchase of Redpath Dorman Long was cleared by the Trade Department Friday morning, was a penny down on balance at 134.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One sterling	1.8195/8205	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2391/94	Canadian dollars
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	43.64/69	Belgian francs
	6.0340/70	French francs
	1285.00/1286.00	Italian lire
	236.40/55	Japanese yen
	5.7690/7710	Swedish crowns
	5.9580/9600	Norwegian crowns
	7.8265/85	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	331.50/332.00	U.S. dollars

Braniff dismisses staff, asks court for protection

DALLAS, Texas (R) — Braniff International, the Texas-based airline that rapidly expanded its routes in a period of recession and fare wars and lost hundreds of millions of dollars, Thursday dismissed almost all its staff but said it had no plans to go into liquidation.

Braniff Chairman Howard Put-

nam told a news conference, held shortly after the airline asked a court to keep creditors at bay while it reorganises its affairs, that the company had no money left.

He said that the eighth largest U.S. airline which surprised thousands of travellers last night by suddenly suspending services, had dismissed 8,000 employees,

leaving 225 to reorganise the company.

But 1,200 employees in Latin America would retain their jobs with Eastern Airlines, which is taking over many routes there.

Mr. Putnam said that no creditor had caused the airline to seek protection from the court under chapter 11 of U.S. bankruptcy law.

"Nobody pulled the plug," he said, adding that the recent loss of passengers and a cash drain had been "so dramatic that there was no way to get through the week."

Braniff, which was reported to owe about \$744 million at the end of 1981, had earlier told employees not to report for work Thursday.

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FIFA confirms British attendance at World Cup

ZURICH (R) — England, Scotland and Northern Ireland have confirmed they will not boycott next month's World Soccer Cup finals because of the Falklands crisis, the International Football Federation (FIFA) said Friday.

FIFA General Secretary Joseph Blatter said in a statement that all three teams confirmed to him they were under no political pressure and would participate in the finals in Spain as planned.

He said FIFA was especially concerned about the way the sporting press in Britain and other countries continued to speculate on the possibility of such a boycott.

"Upon questioning, the clubs have confirmed to FIFA that they will participate in the 1982 World Cup as planned," the statement said.

"FIFA is following international political events with some concern and is especially worried about how the press in Britain and other countries connects this situation with football and with the World Cup in Spain and reports

German claims European judo gold

EAST BERLIN (R) — East German Henry Stocher took the gold medal when he beat Olympic heavyweight champion Angelo Parisi of France in the European Judo Championships in Rostock Thursday night, the official ADN news service said.

Parisi received a warning in the early stages of the final for inactivity but improved as the contest went on.

He drew level on points with the East German champion, leaving the final judges to choose the winner. Two voted for Stocher and one for Parisi.

The bronze medals went to defending champion Grigori Veritshev of the Soviet Union and Hungarian Andras Oszvar.

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Cuba, U.S., Soviet Union dominate amateur boxing

MUNICH (R) — Cuba, the United States and the Soviet Union were left Friday with six fighters a piece still with a chance of picking up a title at the World Amateur Boxing Championships.

The three nations, traditionally the strongest in amateur boxing, have once again dominated this year's championship although all three have experienced unexpected reverses.

Cuba, still reeling under the shock of Teofilo Stevenson's loss in the super-heavyweight class, lost their heavyweight contender Heremegildo Baez as well Thursday night.

Baez, who looked a fighter of immense promise in winning his first two bouts by a knock-out, could not cope with East Germany's Juergen Fanghaenel's southpaw stance and lost an exciting fight 5-0 on points.

The United States also lost a boxer when middleweight Iran Barclay went down on points to Bernardo Comas 3-2.

The Soviet Union on the other hand had a 100

per cent record Thursday with bantamweight Victor Miroshnichenko, welterweight Serik Konakbaev and heavy weight Alexandr Iagubkin all winning.

Stevenson's conqueror, Italian super-heavyweight Francesco Damiani has said he will turn professional immediately after the championships.

Damiani said he already had a contract drawn up and would only have to sign.

For his part Stevenson, three times Olympic and twice World Champion, has reiterated his determination to take part in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

On Monday Stevenson told reporters he planned to continue until at least 1984 and possibly even longer.

Inevitably there has been speculation about the 30-year-old Cuban's keenness to continue after Tuesday's defeat, but Stevenson says he will stick by his plans to fight for at least another two years.

Stein names preliminary squad for Spain

LONDON (R) — Scotland soccer manager Jack Stein named a preliminary squad of 40 for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain Friday.

"As it stands at the moment we are going to the World Cup for sure," Stein said, commenting on doubts raised by the Falklands crisis.

Scotland's final 22 will be selected from:

Goalkeepers: Rough (Partick), Wood (Arsenal), Leighton (Aberdeen), Thomson (St. Mirren), Jim Stewart (Rangers).

Defenders: McGrain (Celtic), Kennedy (Aberdeen), Frank Gray (Leeds), Albiston (Manchester United), Munro (Sunderland), Ray Stewart (West Ham), Burley (Ipswich), Hansen (Liverpool), McLeish (Aberdeen), Miller (Aberdeen), Narey (Dundee United), Evans (Aston Villa).

Midfield: Bremner (Aston Villa), Hegarty (Dundee United), Souccs (Liverpool), Hartford (Manchester City), Wark

(Ipswich), Aitken (Celtic), Strachan (Aberdeen), Burns (Celtic), Beir (Rangers), Russell (Rangers).

Forwards: McCulloch (Notts County), Dalglish (Liverpool), Jordan (AC Milan), Andy Gray (Wolverhampton), Archibald (Tottenham), Brazil (Ipswich), Sturrock (Dundee United), McCluskey (Celtic), Johnstone (Rangers), Robertson (Nottingham Forest), Provan (Celtic), Cooper (Rangers), Graham (Leeds).

New Zealand squad to decide on boycott

HAMILTON, New Zealand (R) — New Zealand Foreign Affairs Minister Warren Cooper said there is no likelihood of the government asking the country's World Cup squad to support a boycott of the finals in Spain.

Rummenigge expects W. Germany to finish at least third in finals

BONN (R) — Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, European Footballer of the Year, said Friday he would be disappointed if West Germany finished worse than third in the World Soccer Cup finals in Spain this summer.

Rummenigge, West Germany's captain, told the SID Sports Agency the current squad were stronger than in Argentina four years ago when the Germans failed to recapture the trophy they won in 1974.

Peru coach has high hopes, but players are sceptical



This is one in a series of feature stories on soccer teams that will play in the World Cup in Spain June 11-July 13. Peru will play in Group 1 along with Italy, Poland and Cameroon.

LIMA, Peru (A.P.) — Elba de Padua "Tim", the brightly optimistic trainer of Peru's national soccer team, says it could be among the four top teams in the World Cup in Spain.

Some of his players are not so sure, and some critics say Tim, 64, has too much enthusiasm. Most of the players say they must concentrate on the first phase of the tournament first.

Tim, as all of Peru calls him, took over the team when its chances of qualifying for the World Cup seemed remote. After only two months of training together, he took it past Uruguay and Colombia.

Italy and Uruguay each has won the World Cup twice.

"So if we beat Italy it will not be the first time we have eliminated a two-times world champion," Padua said.

"Soccer is an art, and I have the best artists. Force and one-on-one technique destroy the game. With our art we will surprise Europe."

While most observers see Italy as favourite in Group 1, Padua predicted differently.

"The Italian team is not in the best condition," he said. "Poland

has always been a tough adversary and maintains its well coordinated play. Cameroon may also be a difficult rival."

Padua said everything will favour the European teams in Spain. Asked which team would win the Cup, he replied: "It will be a European team, and after that Brazil, Argentina, Peru or Chile."

Tim played for Brazil in the 1938 World Cup in Italy. He has seen all Peru's group rivals play.

"I think I am in a position to lead Peru to more success than it has achieved in the World Cup in the past," he said.

Peru first played in the World Cup in 1930 but failed to survive the first stage. It reached the quarter-finals in 1970 and got through to the second phase of the 1978 tournament.

Most of the current team played in Argentina in 1978. Two of them—midfielder Teofilo Cubillas, 32, and the apparently eternal centre-back Hector Chumpitaz, now 38—played in Mexico in 1970.

The average age of the team is almost 29.

"In the World Cup experience matters much more than youth," he said. "This is a season that lasts only one month."

"If someone is a crack player at 40, he is likely to continue to be so for a month. Perhaps after a month he will be spent, but during that month he can be phenomenal."

Two other seasoned veterans are goalkeeper Ramon Quiroga, 31, an Argentine-Peruvian, who has turned 30, and midfielder Cesar Cueto, who is 28.

Players interviewed said they have learned to respect and obey Tim.

"He is not a hot-head or a bully,

but rather a psychologist," said one. "We feel he is always trying to help us. He believes more than we do that we are capable of doing great things."

But the coach's optimism has begun to rub off on some of the others.

Right-back Jaime Duarte said: "The four teams in our group have equal potential. We will be a surprise."

One of Peru's problems is getting some of its best players home from overseas. Cueto plays for the national club of Colombia, Geronimo Barbadillo for the University of Mexico, and Cubillas for the Fort Lauderdale Stikers of the North American Soccer League.

Julio Cesar Uribe, who replaced Cubillas in some of the qualifying games, was described by the Buenos Aires magazine El Grafico as the third best South American player in 1981, after Brazilian stars Zico and Maradona.

The World Cup squad will be chosen from these players:

Goalkeepers — Ramon Quiroga, age 30, Jose Gonzales, 26.

Defenders — Jaime Duarte, 27, Hugo Gastulo, 24, Hector Chumpitaz, 38, Ruben Diaz, 31, Salvador Salguero, 30, Jorge Olaschea, 26, German Rojas, 26, Oscar Arizaga, 24, Miguel Gutierrez, 33.

Midfield — Jose Velasquez, 31, Teofilo Cubillas, 32, Cesar Cueto, 26, Luis Reyna, 22, Julio Cesar Uribe, 22, German Leguia, 27, Eduardo Malazquez, 24, Percy Rojas, 31.

Forwards — Jeronimo Barbadillo, 27, Juan Caballero, 24, Alberto Vastillo, 27, Juan Carlos Oblitas, 29, Guillermo la Rosa, 29, Franco Navarro, 22.

Honduras names 22-man squad

TEGUCIGALPA (R) — Honduras, who won the North and Central American and Caribbean qualifying group, have named the following 22-man squad for the World Cup finals:

Goalkeepers—Julio Cesar Arzu, James Stewart, Jose Salomon Nasser.

Defenders—Jose Fernando Bulnes, Jaime Enrique Villegas, Luis Cruz, Allan Costly, Hector Zelaya, Cesar Efrain Gutierrez.

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A 92-year-old man is always between the fronts

Father von Nell-Breuning: 'Teacher of the workers'

By Franz Alt

FRANKFURT — The truest description of the German Jesuit Father Oswald von Nell-Breuning who has just celebrated his 90th birthday, was given by the Christian Democrat Norbert Blum. He called him "teacher of the workers."

The Grand Old Man of Catholic social doctrine was 92 years old on March 8, 1982. He was always a man between the fronts. A man of the church but never the church's man, a political man but never a party man, a friend of the workers but never a trade union member, a titled man who understood the workers often much better than the bishops did. They had their difficulties with him as did the employers. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt visited him before going to see the Pope; the SPD invites him to discussions on basic principles, the CDU calls him on for consultation on their programme of fundamental doctrines.

This Jesuit priest is not one of those who falls between two stools in his efforts to show he is a non-party man. In important questions

Nell-Breuning can be very partisan. But for him the middle ground is the place where the truth lies. "His way of thinking is closely related to his way of life," Helmut Schmidt has written.

For 60 years Nell-Breuning has lived in the Jesuit academy in Frankfurt, in a room of only 20 square metres. In this room he has written 1,700 scientific works — without secretarial assistance. Between 1936 and 1945 he was banned from writing and publishing. In 1944 the Nazis sentenced him to three years in prison.

The thinking of this priest has helped to form the social and economic life of the Federal Republic of Germany. For 16 years he was an adviser to the Federal Economics Ministry, for 30 years he has been consulted by trade unions and political parties about co-determination, methods of spreading wealth and the laws of land ownership. The Sermon on the Mount is taken seriously and literally by the Jesuit Nell-Breuning. His prayers take concrete form in his work. For him religion and everyday life, prayer

and work are not contradictions. In 1931 he wrote for Pius XI the Social Encyclical "Quadragesimo Anno." In this work Nell-Breuning enunciated what 18 years later reappeared in the Bonn Basic Law as an important social advance: the social ties of property.

The fees he receives for his many books and articles go to the Jesuit Order. The aristocratic Jesuit has never possessed his own bank account. Although with many of his books he has risked having his right to publish withdrawn by the church he has over adjusted his views to suit the church.

His latest provocative article appeared in the magazine, "Christian and Socialist." In a critical analysis of economic growth and technical progress, he expressed the opinion that "the path we have taken to date, firmly convinced, with a good conscience and apparent success has brought us near to the edge of the abyss." Increased production is forced on today for the sake of employment and without consideration for the limitations of energy and destruction of the environment. Nell-Breuning demands a rigorous reduction in working hours — he is convinced that in the year 2000 increased productivity will make it unnecessary for us to work more than one day a week.

The main political aim in life of this priest is to bring about reconciliation between church and workers. He is author of the sensational workers paper presented at the Wuerzburg Synod in 1975.

This self-critical document — one of the few acknowledgements of guilt on the part of the Catholic church — describes the church's historical failure to establish a relationship to workers as an "unending scandal." In 1972 he wrote the following words: "Why does the Catholic social doctrine, despite the convincing truth it contains, lack credibility? The world asks whether the deeds match the words. And there lies the decisive weakness of Catholic social doctrine."

Oswald von Nell-Breuning was born in 1890 in Trier. Karl Marx, who was also born in Trier, had died only seven years earlier. "We all stand on the shoulders of Marx" is one of his many misunderstood statements. Explaining what he meant he wrote: "Every person today possesses much Marxist knowledge only people do not know that it comes from him."

At the end of a television interview Nell-Breuning said to me: "I am reaching my end and I believe I shall be well received by our Lord God." Question: "Do you fear death?" "When I say I believe I shall be well received, you may be sure I have no fear." Question: "What was the most important thing in your life?" "To go the way that God led me."

If today many workers no longer feel outsiders in the society of the Federal Republic of Germany this is due in a considerable measure to the work of Nell-Breuning's.

— INP feature

New female chief hell-bent on changing Playboy image

By Ronald Clarke
Reuter

LOS ANGELES — The new president of the company modestly smoothed down her skirt and answered questions over the clinking of wine glasses, the hubbub of conversation and shrieks of laughter from mini-skirted "playmates."

No, she didn't think she would ever pose for Playboy magazine — "I'm too old now," she added.

Yes, she might consider changing the Playboy bunny costumes — not because they are revealing or, you know, wrong, but because we are going to look at the whole Playboy concept."

Thrust into the limelight of big business at the age of 29, Christie Hefner is the new president of Playboy Enterprises, a declared feminist in the land of cleavage.

Already being called the top bunny and the "hare" apparent, the daughter of Playboy founder Hugh Hefner has taken over the post of president at a time when the enterprise is trying to overcome the loss of some of its most profitable operations.

Playboy lost its British gambling licences last year for violating local gaming rules.

It is also preparing to sell its interest in a casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey, because the local casino control commission said it would grant Playboy a licence only if Mr. Hefner separated himself from the company.

Wearing a conservatively-cut red suit, Miss Hefner discussed business matters and her feminist ideals in an interview while guests packed a marquee set up on the lawn of Playboy Mansion West, a grey tudor-style mansion in the exclusive Hollywood Hills area of Los Angeles.

Peacocks pranced round the flower beds and water gushed over waterfalls built into rock formations.

Mr. Hefner and several hundred guests were celebrating the announcement of a 25-year-old Canadian, Shannon

Tweed, as his magazine's playmate of the year. "She is a big lady in every sense," Mr. Hefner told his audience of his latest woman friend.

"They told me I would have to work closely with Hef, but they didn't tell me how close it was going to be," Miss Tweed said after receiving a cheque for \$100,000 and a \$45,000 car.

Mr. Hefner and Miss Tweed later held hands while Miss Hefner, sitting at a luncheon table, outlined company policy.

"Primarily, we are not reducing the company in terms of potential growth, which I think is greater than ever," Miss Hefner said.

"We are positioning ourselves as a communications and licensing company, most importantly under the Playboy name but ultimately we may develop other magazines."

"We will be completing the divestiture of our Atlantic City interest and our book operations in the next few months. We have \$50 million in New Jersey and we would expect to at least get our investment out."

Miss Hefner said Playboy would appeal against the denial of a gaming licence to her father, whom she sometimes refers to simply as Hefner, in Atlantic City. "But we can't plan for ultimate success," she said. "We must plan for the possibility of divestiture."

Miss Hefner, who joined Playboy Enterprises seven years ago, is also involved in the playboy channel, a cable television venture created, in the words of a Playboy magazine article, to produce classy, brassy adult entertainment.

Mr. Hefner, who owns 70 per cent of the company stock, will remain Playboy chairman.

"He is interested in being involved in the strategy level on major decisions and in the creative process of Playboy magazine and the playboy channel," Miss Hefner said.

"I am interested in the management of the company and the development of new products and services."

Asked if she was selling a

philosophy created 29 years ago when Mr. Hefner laid out his first edition of Playboy magazine on his kitchen table in Chicago, she said: "The magazine does not dictate a single lifestyle. It stands for the right to choose a lifestyle."

"What this means for someone like me who believes in civil liberties, who believes in equality of opportunity, who cares about the way businesses treat families, who cares about issues of war and peace—the visibility of this company on these issues makes this a very special job."

"I think the feminist movement is about opportunities for people. It is not about being women as distinct from men sexually. 'Playboy is trying to bring together the sexual side of people and the professional and political side of people.'"

"I think what has happened traditionally in this country is that because most sexual images have been of women, we have assumed that sexual images are exploited," she continued.

"As the culture changes and there are more sexual images of men we have a different perspective on this."

"Listen, Shannon Tweed received a cheque for \$100,000 as a promotional representative for this company for the next year. When women are making 59 cents to the dollar of men in this country that isn't exploitation."

Miss Hefner, whose parents separated when she was two and divorced five years later, said she was very close to both.

Asked how she felt when she saw her father with a beautiful woman, she said: "I am the daughter. So I look at how she is treating him, how he is treating her — does she really love him? So when I look at my father with Shannon I know now much she really loves him."

Questioned on whether marriage and children were in the offing for herself, Miss Hefner, who has a regular companion named Jim Korris, replied: "possibly, but not tomorrow. I'm not about to marry."

In their own world



Ecuadorian children, especially girls, take on domestic tasks, like fetching water at an early age. — UNICEF photo

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TIPEY

HOTUM

WEENST

GRONTS

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LADLE FUSSY DEPUTY GUDGEL

Answer: How he looked after spending the whole day planting the garden — "SEEDY"



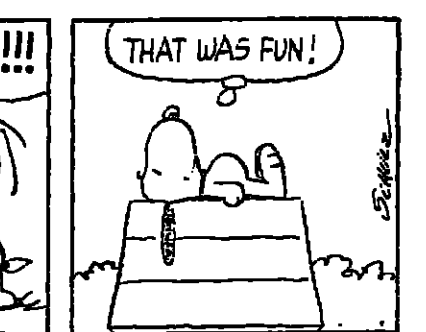
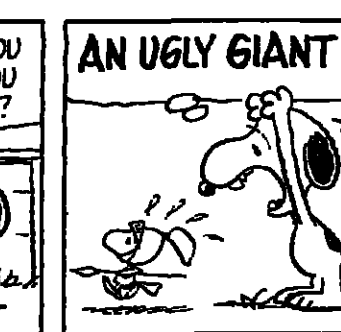
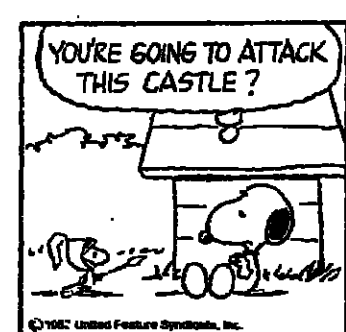
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By Vinson

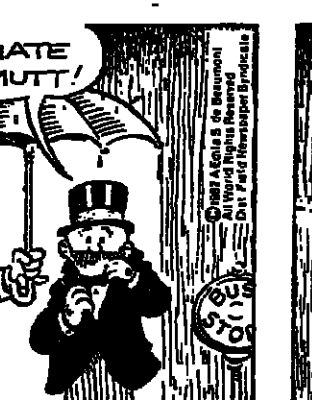
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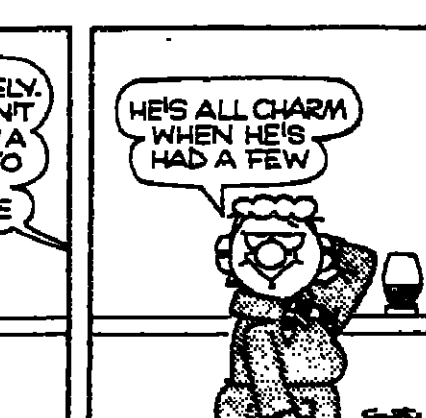
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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1982

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You have an opportunity to do some serious thinking that could lead to a more secure future. You can now express your personal aims to trusted friends and relatives.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to get in touch with as many good friends as you can and come to better terms with them. Show your appreciation.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Study your progress where career is concerned and know where to make improvements. Don't neglect to pay bills.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get out of that rut and engage in more interesting and profitable outlets. A good time to follow your hunches.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Come to a better understanding with loved one and work together in harmony. Avoid a troublemaker.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A fine day for discussing community affairs with neighbors. Study an outside venture well before going ahead with plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A good time to engage in favorite hobby with congenials. Much happiness with loved one is possible at this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make appointments early for recreational activities you wish to engage in later. Attend the social tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you cooperate more with family members, you'll find that harmony is restored in the home. Improve your surroundings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A perfect day to make calls on friends and to make plans for the future. Attend a social affair this evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Put those clever ideas to work and contact proper persons who can be of great help to you. Take health treatments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Friendliness is the keynote now and you can easily impress others with your fine personality. Express happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) New ideas you have need to be thought out more carefully before taking action. Ideal evening for romantic happiness.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who loves people, but should be taught to discipline the mind and discriminate between those who can be helpful and those who are detrimental to progress. There's much happiness in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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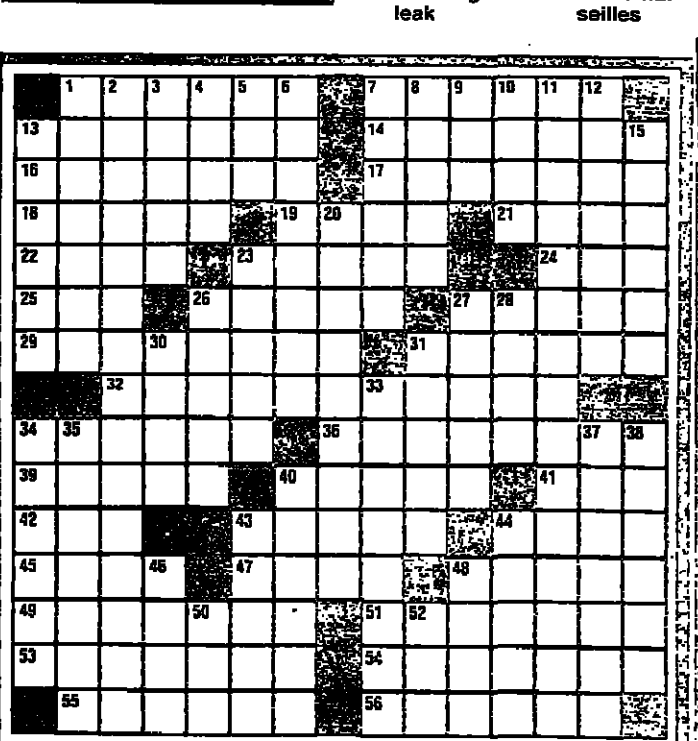
THE Daily Crossword

By Jack Luzzatto

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1 McCormick's invention	26 Smooth breathing	44 Cut and law	Judaic lore
7 Heights	27 Lord or vassal	45 Formerly, once	15 More profound
13 Assessment scale	28 Allments	46 Glimt	20 Life
14 Listed by location	31 Discuss in a meeting	48 Dismiss in disgrace	23 Money for Miguel
16 Prevented	32 Retroactively	51 Takes advantage	26 Slight error
17 Betrothed one	34 Means of using computer	53 Betrayal	27 Highland lakes
18 Stringed instruments of old	36 Blissful state	54 Most vinegary	28 Division
19 Telephone name	39 Phony state	55 Orientals	30 Former mates
21 Sharper's victim	40 Pot start-ers	56 Diggers	31 Well-planned crime
22 Jeer	41 Take steps		33 Looking ahead, as a policy
23 Allments	42 Monk's title		34 Influence
24 Drain of strength			35 Italian marble

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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WORLD

Reagan expects positive response from Brezhnev on missile cutback offer

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan has urged President Leonid Brezhnev to accept his offer of negotiations for reducing strategic nuclear arsenals and says he hopes to have a positive response from the Soviet leader soon.

Mr. Reagan opened a White House press conference Thursday night with a statement renewing his plan, first unveiled in a speech on Sunday, for a one-third cut in U.S. and Soviet nuclear warheads followed by reductions in missile warheads.

The president wants strategic arms reduction talks to begin by the end of June.

He said reductions in strategic weapons also could be negotiated, but he used graphic language to stress the urgent need to control

missile warheads which can be fired over the ocean at short notice.

The ballistic missile "is the one (weapon) that is most destabilising," he said. "That is the one that is the most frightening to most people... the one that people know that once a button is pushed, there is no defence, there is no recall."

Mr. Reagan, who broke new ground in the 35-minute session with reporters, said he hoped and prayed Britain and Argentina could end their fighting over the Falkland Islands and reach a peaceful settlement.

As the president walked out of the conference, a reporter asked him to comment on a report that the Soviet Union had supplied Argentina with intelligence which enabled an Argentine plane to

locate and hit the British destroyer Sheffield with a missile.

Mr. Reagan shrugged his shoulders, replied for a few moments and paused: "Wherever there are troubled waters, they are going to stir them up." He did not elaborate.

Discussing cautious hopes that diplomacy at the United Nations would lead to a ceasefire, the president said:

"Basically it's down to a situation of withdrawal, what would be the interim administration on the island itself and what will be the period of negotiation, then of what the ultimate settlement will be."

"That doesn't make much sense... I understand there's been some agreement now on awaiting negotiations on that," Mr. Reagan said.

U.S. counters Warsaw action by ordering 2 Polish officials to go

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States has retaliated against the Polish military government's expulsion of two U.S. diplomats by ordering out two Polish officials.

Andrzej Korosiek, a scientific attaché, and Marisusz Wozniak, a political officer, have been given until midnight on Monday to leave the country.

Thursday's state department action came three days after Poland ordered the expulsion

from Warsaw of scientific attaché John Zerolis and cultural affairs officer J. Daniel Howard for "promoting destabilising activity."

The two Americans were said to have received papers from a Polish scientist in his apartment, where, according to the U.S. embassy, plainclothes men forced the diplomats to stand against a wall while they were searched.

The actions of the Polish authorities in illegally detaining

diploamts, who had identified themselves, and manhandling and searching them were a clear violation of diplomatic practice," a State Department spokesman said.

He also announced that travel by scientists between Poland and the United States under a government-sponsored cooperative scientific agreement had been suspended after Polish officials accused visiting American scientists of espionage.

Tests on Kampucheans show evidence of Soviet chemical attacks, U.S. says

BANGKOK (R) — Blood samples from two Kampucheans showing traces of toxic chemicals warfare in Indochina, U.S. embassy official said Friday.

The samples obtained by the embassy in Bangkok were the basis for a report released in Washington by the State Department Thursday which said there was conclusive proof that "yellow rain" chemical agents, including deadly trichothecene mycotoxins,

were being used in Kampuchea and Laos.

The two Kampucheans, who said they were victims of a Vietnamese chemical attack on Feb. 13 in Tuoi Chrey in Kampuchea, complained of eye irritation, trembling, difficulty in breathing, severe vomiting and diarrhoea.

Analysis of samples of the victims' blood and urine, taken 24 hours after the attack, showed exposure to large doses of toxins.

The official said. Samples taken 18 days later had traces of toxin, indicating that it was stored by the body.

According to U.S. estimates about 10,000 people have died in Kampuchea, Laos and Afghanistan from chemical weapons used there since 1975.

The Soviet Union and Vietnam have repeatedly denied the accusations.

Hinckley's father weeps in court

WASHINGTON (R) — John Hinckley's father wept uncontrollably in front of a jury as he accepted responsibility for his son's tragedy by refusing to let him return home a few weeks before he attempted to kill President Reagan.

The Labour Party left the coalition on Wednesday after a long dispute over economic policy with its centrist partners the Christian Democrats (CDA) and Democrats-66 (D-66).

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John Hinckley

kley's Washington hotel room after the shooting, read:

"I'm going ahead with this attempt now because I just cannot wait any longer to impress you."

His father earlier testified how he was determined to follow the advice of Dr. John Hopper, the psychiatrist who had been treating his son. Dr. Hopper had told the parents it was crucial to demonstrate resolve with their son who seemed to fail at all he attempted.

Mr. Hinckley said his son often

left home without explanation and Dr. Hopper urged them not to let him return, a gesture he said would allow them to regain control of the situation.

Mr. Hinckley said he paid for John to travel to Denver but would not let him go to the family home, telling him at the airport: "You're on your own. Do whatever you want to do."

Mr. Hinckley, a prosperous businessman, told the jury: "I'm sure that was the greatest mistake of my life. I am the cause of John's tragedy. We forced him out at a time when he just couldn't cope."

Then, looking directly at his son in the courtroom, he said: "I wish to God that I could just trade places with him right now."

He then buried his head in his hands and sobbed uncontrollably. John's mother, Joann Hinckley, sitting in the visitor's area, also broke into tears and had to be led from the courtroom.

2nd attack on Pope revives security nightmare

By Michael Sheridan

VATICAN CITY (R) — The knife attack foiled by Pope John Paul's security men at Fatima has brought the shadow of the assassin back to the Vatican, one year after a gunman's bullets cut down the pontiff in St. Peter's Square.

Vatican Radio played down its reports of the Portugal attack this morning but sources reported shock and dismay among senior officials, with the realisation that the Pope, who will be 62 in four days, can never go lightly protected in public again.

The attacker got within a few metres of the Pope and, police sources there said, would undoubtedly have murdered him.

A year ago, listeners to Vatican Radio's broadcast of the open-air papal audience heard the dramatic words: "The holy father has been

wounded — please pray for him."

Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turkish extremist gunman, had opened fire with an automatic pistol at close range, badly wounding the Pope in the abdomen as he rode through the crowds in his "popemobile."

It took hours of surgery and months of convalescence to restore Pope John Paul's health but the threat of another attempt on the charismatic Polish pontiff's life has never been banished from the minds of his advisers.

Agca was a professional gunman. Last night's attacker, like Benjamin Mendoza, the painter who lunged at Pope Paul VI during a Philippines trip in 1970, was apparently disturbed. But the Pope is intensely vulnerable to both.

While Pope John Paul is in Fatima giving thanks to the Virgin

Mary for his escape from death last year, Agca still sits in a maximum security cell in Rome's forbidding Rebibbia prison, as much of mystery as the day he fired the shots.

The gunman, a lonely political murderer from a poor background, said he was dedicated to Islam and to a brand of rightist fanaticism prevalent in his native Turkey.

Investigators have never accepted his statements that he acted alone and are daily probing his stories to trace the backers who believe he financed and abetted his attack.

High Vatican officials including the secretary of state, Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, who is with the Pope in Portugal, have indicated they believed there was a conspiracy.

Whatever his motives, Agca's

South Africa downs Soviet helicopter in S. Angola

PRETORIA (R) — South Africa said Friday its air force had destroyed a Soviet helicopter which had been supplying Namibian (South West African) guerrillas in Angola.

A Defence Force statement gave only sketchy details of the incident and gave no indication as to when it took place.

"The South African Air Force has destroyed a Russian helicopter on the ground during follow-up operations against SWAPO (the South West Africa People's Organisation) in southern Angola," the statement said.

"The helicopter was armed and at the time of the incident was supplying SWAPO."

"The defence force reiterates its warning that forces who support, and especially directly support, SWAPO, as in this case, must carry the consequences of their actions."

A defence force spokesman said no further details of the incident would be released.

SWAPO guerrillas, who have been fighting a bush war for the independence of Namibia, said last month they had launched an offensive against South African security forces.

Soviets get ready to dock with Salyut-7

MOSCOW (R) — Two Soviet cosmonauts Friday spent their first day in orbit and prepared their spacecraft for docking with the new space station Salyut-7.

Soviet press accounts of the manned mission said all was going smoothly after blastoff from Baikonur in Central Asia Thursday.

Normally Soviet spacecraft dock within 36 hours after launching and the Soyuz T-5 is expected to be no exception.

Le-Col. Anatoly Berezhovoy and his flight engineer Valentin Lebedev will be joined in space next month, probably in the last week of June, by a team that will include a French cosmonaut.

Pope relaxed in Portugal despite attempt on life

VILA VICOSA, Portugal (R) — Pope John Paul appealed Friday for a reduction in arms spending and defended peasants' rights in a visit to this staunchly Communist rural region of eastern Portugal.

As the Pope spoke to thousands of peasants and pilgrims, a Lisbon magistrate was interrogating a dissident Spanish clergyman who tried to stab the 61-year-old pontiff with a bayonet two days ago. Juan Fernandez Krohn, 32, faces charges of attempted murder.

The incident, which took place during his pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal's holiest shrine, seemed forgotten Friday by the Pope and his entourage.

The Pope seemed cheerful and relaxed as he toured Vila Vicosa. Later, addressing the crowd from a stage constructed in front of the town's main church, he spoke of the arms build-up and the problems of the rural population.

"I am very concerned about certain social groups in many countries who are forced to live in conditions of degrading misery."

Although listening to the Pope were many labourers who work in cooperatives set up after the 1974 revolution when workers seized land owned by rich and often absentee landlords.

Communist slogans were scribbled on the town's whitewashed walls next to posters of the Pope.

During the ceremony in the sunny square Pope John Paul also greeted hundreds of Spanish pilgrims who came across the nearby border, acknowledging their Spanish folk songs as he rose to speak.

"Thank you, thank you but we are in Portugal," he said laughingly.

Pope John Paul hopes to visit Spain in October.

Despite tight security measures, the atmosphere of the Pope's visit to this town, where King Joao the Fourth dedicated Portugal to the Virgin Mary in the 17th century, was happy and relaxed.

Dutch crisis drags on

THE HAGUE (R) — Intricate consultations between Queen Beatrix and Dutch politicians continue Friday as they seek to solve the political crisis following the break-up of the country's three-party coalition government.

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Chinese romantic-suicide rate climbs up

BEIJING (R) — Young People in China are placing too much emphasis on love while being ill-prepared for the problems love brings. As a result too many of them are in suicide, an official newspaper has said.

An article in the Workers Daily, a well-known university student paper, gave no figures, but said one district official of a national corps often had showed him a list of suicide cases in his district of about 100 in the past year.

Li Yanjie said Chinese society, which traditionally has a puritanical view of such matters, should treat such cases more sympathetically and educate young people with greater patience.

Mr. Li said two factors were responsible for the suicides: Firstly, puritanical censorship in Maoist years which meant films and literature completely ignored matters of the heart.

And, secondly, today's films, which in the relatively liberal post-Mao period had become

excessively permissive and showed far too much loving, hugging and kissing on the screen.

Mr. Li said it had got to the point where children were now having love affairs at school, and even sending each other love letters in the first year of junior high.

"By the time they get to their third year, when the teacher turns his back to write on the blackboard, couples in the back row are copying acts they've seen on the screen," he said.

Older people were often complaining these days about young people kissing openly in the streets, he added — acts unthinkable during the Maoist period.

Yet young people replied that they had nowhere else to go. "You people had it good in the 1950s," went the typical reply. "You had a house to go to. Nowadays we are not so well off." Mr. Li quoted them as saying.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

West led the king of clubs, and declarer did not think that dummy was an unalloyed joy. East had to have both missing diamond honors for his double, so it looked as if declarer would have to lose a heart, two diamonds and a club. Declarer could set up a club for a diamond discard, but when West won the club trick, he would surely shift to a diamond to insure the contract's defeat.

For a moment declarer considered allowing the king of clubs to win in the hope that West would not find a diamond shift. But after some thought he decided to adopt a more deceptive line.

He took the ace of clubs and immediately returned a low club — he did not want to draw trumps first lest East get the chance to signal. West did not want to "waste" his queen of clubs on a seven, so he played low. That allowed East to win a cheap club trick, but now the contract could no longer be defeated.

East tried to cash two hearts, but declarer ruffed the second round, drew two rounds of trumps ending in his hand, and led the jack of clubs for a ruffing finesse. Whether West covered or not, one of dummy's diamonds would go on a high club, and the defenders would have to be satisfied with only one trick in each side suit.

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Kurds kidnap 2 Koreans in Iraq

SEOUL (R) — A South Korean construction firm said Friday that two of its workers were abducted by Kurds in Iraq on April 23. The Jung Woo Development Co., based in Seoul, said a motor maintenance engineer and a lorry driver were kidnapped by Kurds while travelling in a water supply lorry in northern Iraq, a company spokesman said. A foreign ministry spokesman here said the South Korean government, which has consular but not full diplomatic relations with Iraq, was working to help secure their release.

Kaunda starts Gulf visit

LUSAKA (R) — President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia leaves Friday night for a three-day state visit to Kuwait which will be followed by brief official visits to Bahrain and Iraq. A government spokesman said here that Dr. Kaunda was expected to hold talks with Gulf leaders on bilateral issues but declined to give further details. Financial analysts in Lusaka said discussions during Dr. Kaunda's Gulf tour were likely to centre on investment and other financial assistance for Zambia's fragile, metals-dominated economy.

Kuwait refinery put out of action by accidental fire

KUWAIT (R) — A major Kuwaiti oil refinery has been put out of action by a fire for the second time in nine months, an official spokesman said Thursday night. He said a fire broke out in one of the Shuaiba refinery's cooling system units on Wednesday night because of a leakage of burning oil. The blaze was put out after an hour, but the plant had been closed as a precautionary measure. The refinery, which normally produces 200,000 barrels of oil per day, was expected to resume work in few days, he said.

Eritrean rebels report stopping Ethiopian drive

BEIRUT (R) — Guerrillas fighting the Ethiopian government for the independence of Eritrea province said they had killed more than 400 government troops and wounded more than 500 in the past week. A statement issued by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), the largest of the guerrilla groups, Thursday said the biggest battle had taken place in the northern area of the Red Sea coast. Government troops had made repeated attempts to capture mountain ranges above the coastal plain, but were repulsed with heavy losses, it said.

Japanese plant evacuates workers near Basra

TOKYO (R) — A Japanese chemical plant manufacturer said Friday it had evacuated all workers from a construction site at Iraq's oil refinery complex near Basra because of bombardments by Iran. A spokesman for the firm, Niigata Engineering Company Ltd., said the Iranian army started shelling the area round the plant on Monday night. Some 300 workers, including 50 Japanese, moved to safety after a shell damaged a building materials yard. The refinery facility itself had not been damaged by Thursday morning, but no further information was available from the firm's representatives in Iraq, the spokesman said.

Indian team off to Kabul

NEW DELHI (R) — An Indian team left here for Kabul Friday for a three-day meeting of the Indo-Afghan joint economic commission, which is convening for the first time in five years. The two countries agreed last April to reactivate the commission.

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